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Statement of the Substance of the Interview in response to Office letter of April 18, 2006 is attached.

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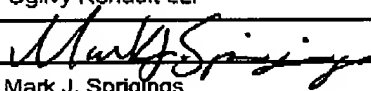
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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

This is response to the official Communication dated April 18, 2006.

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Statement of Substance of the Interview
Serial No. 09/642,108

REMARKS

In reference to the official Communication mailed April 18, 2006 regarding the telephone interview on April 6, 2006, the Examiner has provided the following comments:

"Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant asserted that Applicant's invention is different than Vargo since Vargo processes the PSTN data for the purposes of routing the PSTN data to a correct gateway whereas Applicant's system blindly packetizes the legacy data without this type of routing processing. Examiner indicated that, as currently worded, the claims do not distinguish between Applicant's and Vargo's systems. Examiner suggested amending the claim to read "encapsulating the payload packet within a container without processing the payload packet for the purposes of routing". Applicant indicated that he would work on coming up with an amendment in line with this suggestion. In addition, Examiner suggested changing "payload packet" to "payload data" since "packet" is typically defined in the art as "payload data coupled with a header" whereas Applicant was using the term "payload packet" to refer only to the payload portion. Applicant agreed that a change was needed and he indicated that he would take this proposed change into consideration".

Applicant agrees with the Examiner's summary and believes that the response filed on April 11, 2006 addresses the outstanding issues identified in the Office Action mailed January 11, 2006. Applicant submits that the application should now be in a condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration and passage to issuance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan B. Caldwell et al.


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